



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Wednesday, January 22, 2014

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-0438)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio,
Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D.,
Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and
Commissioner Maxine Russell M.A., M.S.

Excused: Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Susan Burton

Staff Present: Bolaji Famuyiwa and Jenny Kimbell. (14-0263)

Call to Order (14-0394)

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Commissioner Grills joined the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the January 8, 2014 Minutes. (14-0395)

On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby and unanimously carried, the minutes of January 8, 2014 were approved with the following corrections:

- **During the reporting period, Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Twin Towers Correctional Facility on January 7, 2014.**

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II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on Various items for January 22, 2014. (14-0396)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles:

Daily Breeze:

- **Search for Interim Sheriff Starts (January 9, 2014)**

Los Angeles Times:

- **Race for Sheriff Sees a Shift in Strategy (January 9, 2014)**
- **Learning to get it Right (January 14, 2014)**
- **Inmate Money Stayed in Jail (January 17, 2014)**
- **Supervisor's Home Project is Probed (January 17, 2014)**
- **A Deadly Distinction, Tiny Westmont has L.A. County's Top Homicide Rate (January 19, 2014)**
- **Fewer Probation Department Employees Arrested in 2013 (January 22, 2014)**

Commissioner Russell also shared the additional articles regarding the activities of the Sheriff's Department, the foster care system, etc...

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3. Treasurers Report for January 22, 2014 (14-0397)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$718.96.

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for January 22, 2014. (14-0398)

There was no report.

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on January 22, 2014. (14-0399)

There was no report.

6. Commissioners' Report on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from January 9, 2014 to January 21, 2014. (14-0400)

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

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- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Twin Towers Correctional Facility on January 9, 2014 and reported that additional radio channels are needed for emergency communication.**
 - **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Twin Towers Correctional Facility on January 13, 2014.**
 - **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Dream Home Care Inc, Page 13, #3, on January 14, 2014.**
 - **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Children's Homes of Southern California, Page 8, #3, on January 15, 2014.**
 - **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Penny Lane, Page 33, #2, on January 21, 2014.**
 - **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Rancho San Antonio, Page 34, #5, on January 21, 2014.**
 - **Commissioner Russell visited Orange County Children's Town, Page 30, #1, on January 21, 2014.**
 - **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Moore's Cottage, Page 27, #2, on December 19, 2013.**
 - **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Los Angeles Sheriff Industry Station on January 16, 2014.**

During the reporting period, the following facility was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:

- **Commissioners Grills, Burton and Bigby visited Twin Towers Correctional Facility-Tower two, Section 252, (Women) on January 10, 2014 and reported the following unsatisfactory findings, to be reported to the Board of Supervisors:**
 - **Corrosion and mold in showers**
 - **No privacy for bathing**
 - **Scolding hot water causing first degree burns and ceiling tiles to fall**
 - **Air condition broken since August 2013**
 - **Several broken phones**
 - **Several sinks stopped up**
 - **Poor medical follow-ups**
 - **One month or more to get a doctor's appointment**
 - **No adequate staffing**
 - **Inaccurate recording of trustee's hours served**

During the reporting period, the following Group Home/Facility were visited but not inspected:

- **Commissioner Bigby visited San Gabriel Children's Center, Page 36, #2, on January 15, 2014 and reported no one was at home.**

- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited San Gabriel Children's Center, Page 36, #3, on January 14, 2014 and reported no one was at home.**

During the reporting period, the following Group Home/Facility was reported as closed:

- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Chatsworth Court on January 14, 2014.**
- **Commissioner Bigby visited San Gabriel Children's Center, Page 36, #2, on January 17, 2014.**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. **Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at t future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-0401)**

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

8. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-0402)**

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

9. **Adjournment (14-0403)**

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of January 22, 2014 at 11:44 a.m.